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CANADIAN NEWS.

Hon. D. L. McPherson, Recently Made a Knight.

THE MONTREAL LUMBER TRADE.

A Big Farming Enterprise—French Canadian Bank—Freight Rates—The Scott Act—Cattle Trade.

EMIGRANTS FROM EUROPE.

It is pointed out at Ottawa that no matter what the British Government may do, it is impossible for cattle to be shipped from the western States or the Northwest to Ontario or Quebec, as a proclamation of the Dominion exists against it. The fact that such a proclamation existed was overlooked when the Minister of Customs gave permission to the Canadian Pacific railway to take cattle from Montana (driven to any point of their line) through to Montreal. The recent rumor that foot-and-mouth disese prevailed there will make the Government very cautious in rescinding the existing proclamation lest anything should happen which would schedule off Canada the same as the States.

J. G. Colmer, Secretary of the Canadian Government offices, London, England, is in Toronto. He states that a large immigration from Ireland, Germany, and Scandinavia to Canada may be looked for. He repudiates any connection with John James Jones, asserting that that person had brought people out by misrepresentation, whose complaints have produced very bad effects. In his opinion the Dominion obtains a much better class of immigrants than Australia. Moreover, London is simply enraptured by the graces of Sir Charles Tupper, who is there Sir Oracle on Canadian affairs.

A movement is on foot to establish the French Canadian Bank, with a capital of $5,000,000, with a head office at Montreal, and with forty branches throughout the Province. The intention is to buy up the assets of the Jacques Cartier, Hochelaga and Ville Marie banks, the Banques de St. Hyacinthe and Banques de St. Jean, provided they are willing, giving the shareholders of these, stocks in the large institution.

Two or three carloads of threshers and grain separators arrived at Winnipeg, consigned to the Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Company. They were purchased at a cost of $5400, the duty on them being over $1900. The Northwest Manufacturing and Car Company, of Stillwater, Minnesota, are the manufacturers, and this company intend sending two practical men to Indian Head to put the machines in running order on the big farm.

The naval authorities at Halifax discredit the story from New York that a British trading schooner was searched on the coast of Jamaica by a Spanish gunboat and the British flag pulled down. The report that a lieutenant and a body of marines had arrested the captain of the Spanish gunboat at Kingston is looked on as ridiculous.

The Montreal lumber export to South America amounts this season to 7,000,000 feet, about 2,000,000 in excess of the exports to the same date last year. This excess is due to the earlier arrival of spring vessels. Outward freights, formerly $17 per thousand, are now $13.

Dr. Barnardo, at the head of 23 orphan homes, most of them in England, is expected in Ottawa soon. He has a project in view to provide a farm on a large scale in the Northwest, where the lads may be sent to receive instructions in farming, with the possibility of taking up lands for themselves.

A prisoner named Whitters, who was being brought to Port Arthur to serve a six months sentence, jumped from the steamer Ocean while nearing that place at an early hour on the 3d inst., and swimming to the shore, a distance of about a quarter of a mile, made good his escape.

Reports from Montreal announcing the failure of the Federal Bank's Winnipeg ventures caused a great deal of anxiety among the holders of the stock at Montreal. On the Exchange sales were effected as low as 34¼, closing at 36¼.

The infantry which assembled at Ottawa for fear of a riot between the farmers and the navvies on the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway has been disbanded, as the trouble has been settled.

The residents of Montreal are still agitated over the possibility of the city being visited by the cholera, as many back streets and lanes are reeking with filth.

An Ottawa dispatch to the Winnipeg Sun says: A report that Mowat will supersede Blake as leader of the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament is gaining ground here.

More than one thousand signatures over the required twenty-five per cent. have been secured for the submission of the Scott Act in Simcoe county.

Hon. D. L. McPherson, Canadian Minister of the Interior, has been gazetted Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

A reduction of ten per cent. on Canadian Pacific railway freights between Montreal and Port Arthur took effect on Monday.

SINGERS' SATELLITES.

Women Who Idealize the Heroes of the Stage.

The Romances Connecting the Real and the Mimic World—Cupid's Flight Across the Footlights. The Eloquent Bouquet.

The stories told of the flirtations of women of society with celebrated actors and singers are popularly believed to be exaggerations, or perhaps downright lies. Not so. Not only are they apt to be true, but of greater dimensions and more numerous than the most credulous think.

Often there are great possibilities of folly in the most dignified and apparently conventional of womankind, and a moustached tenor or strong-limbed stage lover speedily converts them into actualities. The singer rather takes the lead in matters of this kind. He is farther removed from the men of everyday acquaintance than the actor, consequently more attractive. The fact that he seductively wails out his passion idealizes him in the eyes of sentimental women, and if he is big and foreign-looking, as he is sure to be, they worship him at once.

If they could be contented with letting him fill a niche in their imaginations and letting him alone at the same time, good sense would be upheld, and the subject of their idolatry be much less likely to develop into a magnificent fool. But the winged marksman never was known to keep silent when he should, and so they are miserable until they convey a hint of their admiration to him.

How do they do this? How are such things always done? Chance, design, persistence and that undivine providence we call luck—all the thousand nimble imps who serve sentiment help on the foolish work. There are many ways of breaking down conventional barriers, some cautious and gradual, and some daring and precipitate; and they all succeed, as a general thing, especially when the object of the siege is a tenor's heart. I do not sing, and so am not prepared to say how soon such a citadel capitulates to that kind of an attack; but the current theory is that nothing is too gross for the tenorial vanity to feed upon.

All is fish that comes to his net. Woman's smiles and wiles are literally his bread and strength. Flowers are the usual medium of communication between the big admiring, outside world, and the little, glittering, greedy admired stage world. They begin the dubious business.

The innocent tea rose and the fragrant violet are made Cupid's messengers without a word that could compromise a saint being attached to them. This is the process:

The woman whose admiration for the buskined singer is at the point of ebullition sends him a bouquet with her card attached. It is the custom of the appreciative recipient to send notes of thanks to the donors of the flowers next day. The singer, who is sure to be skillful and brilliant in cardiac tactics, detects something more than appreciation of his professional talents in the card, guiltless of expression though it be. He words his gratitude most artfully. It is no "trivial harp" that he tirums on such occasions. Of course his note calls forth another from his admirer—in which she gushes a little, perhaps.

Matters progress rapidly after that. The admirer tells where she will sit at the Opera the next evening, being sure to say something about her eagerness to hear his "glorious voice" again. She is there, of course, and the "glorious voice" finds her, and smiles at her, and sings at her, and the flirtation is fairly under way. It is nothing that the "glorious voice" has half a dozen admirers in the same stage of progression in different parts of the house, and that he smiles and sings and sighs at all of them. It is nothing, because none of them knows it, and not one of them would believe it if the heavens opened and revealed it in letters of gold as big as a Broadway stage.

Calls are exchanged. Perhaps the lady calls on the singer first. All things are possible under such circumstances. Infatuation and vanity, the two imps who conduct the campaign, are never averse to the dishabiement of the proprieties. Little teas and lunches are planned, the woman being the entertainer, and "the glorious voice" expands in friendly familiarity under the blaze of the parlor chandelier, and the tender work goes on.

The woman is usually dreadfully in earnest. She idealizes the voice and passes her time with him in a sort of rapture, quite overwhelmed at his condescension. It would be useless cruelty to tell her that he is in reality a foreign animal of gross tastes and no moral sensibilities to speak of. She couldn't believe it. She has enshrined him as an ideal and will listen to nothing likely to dislodge him.

Perhaps the glorious voice can't do much more than grunt in English. It doesn't make any difference. Indeed, that may figure as one of his charms. He can sing marvelously in Italian, jabber French, bow, grin, roll his eyes and do the sentimental with the best of them. Love or his counterfeits can do very well without words.

Do not suppose that the fashionable and idle women are the only ones who sentimentally adore singers and actors. They do their share of this nonsense, but they don't do all of it. Some very busy and otherwise very sensible women figure in these little romances of foolishness. And it isn't always the young, either. The middle-aged and even the elderly are in the infatuated ranks.

At the opera one night a young lady said to me, "Do you see that woman across the house—the one next the third post—with the pale face, close black bonnet, gray hair and red fan?" "Yes." "Well, she's in love with Lambertini (which is not the name the public know him by at all), and her antics are perfectly ridiculous."

Then the gossiping, six-buttoned fairy by my side gave me a history of the kind that rarely gets into print, but is all the more interesting on that account. The woman in the black bonnet—who could not have been a day less than fifty years old—had developed a romantic fondness for Lambertini. "Dead gone on him," the slangy fairy put it.

She was a widow, was very poor, earned her living by teaching embroidery and lived in the smallest kind of a hall room on the fourth floor of a decent boarding-house, winter and summer. She had once been rich, it is true, but that remote fact doesn't help her now. How did it begin? Well, sometimes a miracle happened and she got an invitation to the opera. Some richer woman wanted her for a companion, or somebody gave her a matinee ticket. After once hearing Lambertini she immediately joined the phalanx of his sentimental admirers, and by severe self-denial treats herself twice a week to a cheap seat within the sound of his voice. By cutting off in all directions she managed to purchase "Lammie," as my flippant friend mischievously called him, a bouquet. She received a note of thanks, wrote an answer to it, and gradually climbed into acquaintance with the noted Italian. He was pleased with her worship, if she was old and poor. She was a lady, and she could charm with the best of them once. And she was really infatuated with him. There was no harm in it. Indeed, it was almost pitiful.

Some women are always wanting to do something for those they love. She was one of them. She wanted to do a thousand things for the comfortable old tenor, who needed nothing done for him; but her limited financial resources held her generosity in. Finally it dawned upon her that she could work off some of her adoration in embroidery, and so she embroidered him a screen. It was a most elaborate piece of æsthetic architecture, sprangled all over with butterflies and golden rod, and had one sly, shy Cupid peering out from some tangled grasses. To do this she was obliged to forego the purchase of necessary clothing. She wore a black cashmere gown, shining and threadbare, six days out of the week, all winter, and a scuffed-out black silk on Sundays.

The screen cost her a round sum of money when it was all counted up, to say nothing of the work she had put into it. Every stitch was wrought in a fireless room, and often with benumbed fingers. Every particle of that gift represented severe self-denial and colossal foolishness—yes, foolishness; but it made the heart of the faded woman glad, nevertheless. It was a resplendent creation when finished, and in Lambertini's room, completely outshone all the cushions and tidies, baskets, plaques, watch cases and hundred other useless but expensive and expressive trophies of his cardiac campaign.

I have heard of other cases of infatuation in which the great Lambertini was the subject of idolatry. He is married, as everybody knows, and so are his admirers often, but that has no diminishing effect upon the regard of his worshipers. Rich women, and beautiful, as well as poor and plain, lay down their hearts for his foreign feet to walk upon.

I asked one woman who was about to join the procession of tenor adorers what was the secret of such an infatuation—what it promised—what need in woman's nature it supplied? Being sensible, she answered me honestly:

"I think," she said, "that we turn admiringly to singers and actors because we see them in an enchanted world, when they are at their best, uttering exalted sentiments and surrounded by a glamour of the beautiful. Women are always looking for nobility of soul in men, for the refined, high-minded creatures who fill ideal, but, alas, who rarely materialize in real life. As they do not find them in life they delude themselves into the belief that the gorgeous heroes of the stage are genuine, and therefore worship them.

"Many a woman," she continued, "carries some bedecked stage-strutter in her heart as an ideal who is coarser and commoner than the men she daily turns away from with contempt; but she doesn't know his defects, and she does those of the men of her acquaintance. All this nonsense you men are to blame for. If all of you, or even a good good many of you, were as strong and noble and chivalrous as you ought to be we would adore you and not the gilt-mounted stage men. But so many of you fall below our mark that it is not surprising we seek our ideals beyond the footlights. We know they are not real all the time, but they *seem* so, and we grasp at the very semblance of what we admire."

That's the true secret of the whole business, I do not doubt. Women long for the noble men of their fancy, and, not finding them, love the counterfeits. After Maurice Barrymore appeared in his new play, "Nadjeda," he received cords of sentimental letters from women admirers every day. All the writers sung the same song. They loved him because he gave expression to noble sentiments; because in the character of the young Englishman he was loyal, faithful, loving unto the end. Some of the infatuated went so far as to say that, as he was the author of the play, he had really given expression to his own character. Believing this, they loved him.

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THE CHINESE COMMISSION

Now that we have a Cabinet Minister in our midst—an adviser of the Crown—delegated specially by his colleagues to investigate the crying evil that has been the bane of this country for many years, we trust every one interested in having the curse removed will not be backward in placing their views before the Commission. It is ascertained that the Commission does not intend to make any formal report, but merely lay such date as they have been able to collect before parliament for its verdict. The sessions are to be held in the Supreme Court room and to be open to the press and the public. These gentlemen have travelled a long distance, at a heavy expense to the country. Their stay in this Province will be for two or three weeks. Therefore, considering the question of expense and time at their disposal, as already stated in these columns, the investigation should be a thorough one. To accomplish this they should take their position somewhere on Government street, between Yates and Cormorant streets, during the hours that the hordes of Mongolians are going to are returning from the factories and workshops, follow them to their labors and likewise visit their vile dens, and then contrast the Chinamen, his position and habits, with the laboring classes in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Quebec or Ottawa. Let the Commission be honest in its judgment, apply the principles of right and wrong to each of its individual members; let them be candid and unbiased in their conclusions, as to the enormous evil that is being inflicted on this Province—and especially on the city of Victoria—and we are persuaded that the mandate will go forth that "the Chinese must go."

The Ottawa government claims to be a paternal one—watching the interest of even the most insignificent industry under its jurisdiction, and if found to be unhealthy, from want of proper nourishment, in the shape of capital and brain management, legislation is at once passed to regulate these short-comings, by way of imposing a heavy import duty. All this is done for the purpose of creating a home market. In short, Canada for the Canadians. The diverse interests of the several Provinces are not then considered. It is a fact that the maratime Provinces, as well as the Northwest and this Province, are made to pay heavy tribute to sustain life, and vigor in some of the manufacturies in Ontario and Quebec, in which cities there are large numbers of mechanics, artisans and laborers and factories giving employment to thousands of females. All of which is built up at the expense of the outlaying Provinces. We are now told that "all Canada" has an interest in the Chinese question, and as such, ere a verdict can be given, must be consulted. Suppose the Commission, to test the feeling of the eastern people, take one thousand Johns to Toronto, five hundred to Hamilton or London, two thousand to Montreal and Quebec, and a like number to Ottawa and its valley, to supplant the white laborers already struggling there for a pittance, what would be the result? Public sentiment cannot be withstood beyond a certain degree and it is beyond a doubt that, in that event, a usual quite, law-abiding people would take the "law into their own hands, speedily "try, convict" and either "shoot, drown or hang accordingly." The gentlemen forming the Commission do not forget what has repeatedly occurred in the corridors of the parliamentary buildings in Ottawa, the bread riots in Montreal and Quebec, as well as the trade troubles in Toronto. The laboring man of British Columbia is as important a member of the great Canadian family as are many of the minor manufacturing establishments in the east. Hundreds have this season arrived from the east, in quest of employment. They come in the hope of enjoying the unrivalled climate we possess, and bettering their financial position. In some cases—ill advised no doubt—they bring their families with them. The cost of reaching the country is heavy, and they are unable to leave it. Forced to do something, or starve, they accept the first thing offered, whether at remunerative rates or not, and then are styled by their more fortunate brethren, who are already in harness, as, "North American Chinamen." Others able to leave speedily clean their pedals of British Columbia dust and either return to Eastern Canada or across the Sound. The handwriting is on the wall. An injured people will resent wrong in such a way that even the constitution may be strained. This will only be resorted to in the extreme, when all else fails. If we desire to accomplish anything, the matter must be agitated in the press, in the pulpit, in public and in the private circle. Therefore, *agitate! agitate!!*

CONTRADICTION.

THE TIMES denies the insinuation made in this morning's Colonist that Mr. Beaven is engaged in writing letters and articles for its columns. If Mr. Beaven chooses to write on any topic of public interest, the columns of this journal are as free to him as to any other person. The Colonist need not feel jealous of this, which it evidently does, else the animus in the paragraph referred to, would not be so apparent. Few however, will give that journal credit for having on its staff anyone that is capable of writing for more than one journal at a time. The members of the staff of THE TIMES have yet to know Mr. Beaven, none having either seen or conversed with the "leader" of the opposition.

THE NEW THEATER.

The Project to Build a $50,000 House.

Those interested in Thespian improvements will be more than gratified to learn, what has not hitherto been announced, that the gentlemen interesting themselves in raising money for the new theater here, have succeeded in disposing of 87 shares out of the 100 of the original plan, and therefore have secured no less a sum that $43,000 toward the project. This is money enough of its-self to insure the building of the theater. But there is now no doubt but that the remainder of the one hundred shares will be sold. The projecters have certainly got along well in placing the stock, and deserve the sincere thanks of every citizen of Victoria. The city has long needed a good theater, and there is now ample evidence that it will soon have one. To the end of perfecting all arrangements a preliminary meeting will be held at the Driard House on Saturday next. These and then, it is the intention to transact whatever furthur business there may be to do, and take steps to give contracts for necessary building, etc.

It is to be hoped that public spirited citizen will subscribe at once for the other $6,500 worth of stock, and thereby insure the erection of the fine building, for which plans have already been drawn, and which have met with general approval. There ought to be no abridging from the original plans, in order to save money. We ought, the rather, to add to them, and finish the structure in a highly creditable manner.

Lieutenant Greely.

An exchange gives the following description of Lieutenant Greely: He is a man about six feet tall, rather thin, and weighs perhaps 150 pounds. He has brown hair and wears glasses. He looks like a student, and would be taken for one anywhere. Nine out of ten persons would have said that Greely would have died in the first winter. From his appearance any one would naturally say that he would not be able to stand the suffering of an Arctic winter, but those who have had experience in such things know that it is not the most robust persons who can stand such sufferings the best. Greely had a good deal of determination and tenacity to life, and that is what carried him through. He was born in Massachusetts and is about 40 years of age. He is not a graduate of any of the military academies. He entered the war as a private, and his military record is highly honorable. From private he was promoted to corporal and first sergeant in Company B of the Nineteenth Massachusetts Infantry. On the 18th of March, 1863, he was made Second Lieutenant in the Eighty-first United States Colored Infantry, and in April of the preceding year became First Lieutenant. He was breveted Major on the 13th of March, 1865, for faithful and meritorious service. He was made Captain of the Eighty-first Colored Infantry on the 4th April, 1865, and on the 22d March, 1867, was honorably mustered out. Upon the reorganization in 1869 he was assigned to the Fifth Cavalry and became First Lieutenant in 1873, which is his present rank.

For six years prior to his last venture he was a student of Arctic work, and on account of his army service and his twelve years' experience in the Signal Service, particularly in compiling observations and in predicting the weather, he was thought peculiarly qualified for the scientific part of the work, and selected for the command.

Passenger List.

There arrived by steamer Amelia the following passengers: Miss Deacon, Mr. Wm. Turner & child, Anderson, E Gold, Harnlow, Jones, Grimm, W Hamilton, Abbott, 8 Chinese and 3 Indians.

TELEGRAPHIC.

A Disastrous Fire in Washington City.

CHINESE BECOMING QUARRELSOME.

A Fire in Vienna—War in Africa—Interesting Marine News—A French Journal on England.

A SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

FIRE AT THE CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Early this morning a fire was discovered by the police at the capital in a large closet adjoining the clerk's office, on the house side. It had apparently been burning some time, for when the watchman entered the clerk's office and opened the closet door the flames burst forth fiercely, and it took them half an hour to get it under control. It was finally extinguished without much damage. Only the fact that the closet had fire-proof walls prevented a disastrous conflagration. The watchman said if the fire had occurred on some of the upper rooms, the law library for instance, they probably would not have been able to discover it till it was beyond control. The origin of the fire is unknown.

DIVORCE CASE IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The trial of an action for divorce brought by Mrs. Emma Lyans against her husband Frank Lyans, both members of the Lyceum Theatre, began to-day. The defendant testified that he intercepted a letter from his wife to Mr. Haviland, another of the company while the company was in Boston. He thereupon went to Haviland's dressing room where he assaulted and disfigured him. The Judge questioned Haviland and the latter admitted improprieties had taken place between them. This statement was denied by the plaintiff who declared there was a conspiracy to deprive her of her child.

A FRENCH PAPER ON ENGLAND.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The Republique Francaise, referring to the action of Germany in the Egyptian conference regrets the blindness of the English government to the meaning of the bitter words and hostile attitude of Count von Munster. The paper says the intentions of Prince Bismarck are surely no mystery to Gladstone. Bismarck would delight to see France, beguiled by his ingenious flattery, begin a regular conflict with England; but France, strong in her imperishable rights, and strong in the support of Europe, would not permit the slightest injury to the interests of the national creditors of Egypt.

FRENCH EXCITEMENT.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—Greville, amid violent interruptions from the Extreme Left, read the committee's report on the bill for the revision of the Constitution. The bill will be discussed to-morrow. During the sitting Clemenceau and Laquerree asked if gendarmes would be employed to lead them from the tribunal.

MEXICO AND ENGLAND.

MEXICO, Aug. 7.—A preliminary treaty was signed to-day by the acting minister of foreign relations and Sir Spencer St. John, re-establishing diplomatic relations with England, which will be ratified at the coming session of the senate.

NO NEWS OF THE MONARCH.

QUEENSTON, Aug. 6.—The steamer Illinois, from Philadelphia, July 25th, arrived to-day, overdue, having been working under reduced steam. Her arrival was anxiously awaited, as she was expected to bring tidings from the Lydian Monarch.

CHOLERA IN THE PAST TENSE.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The newspapers now speak of the cholera in the past tense. English and American bankers and tourists, agencies are unanimous in expression of the opinion that confidence is returning, and that there will be a very marked increase of tourists.

UTAH ELECTION.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 6.—W. W. Taylor, son of President John Taylor, died last night. He was city assessor and collector. Their council has now elected to the position Moses, another son of President John Taylor.

FIGHTING IN AFRICA.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Advices from South Africa state there were severe engagements between the followers of Monsenia and the Boers, in which the latter were defeated. Many were killed, including several Englishmen.

LIGHTING BY ELECTRICITY.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—Experiments are being made in the Missouri Pacific shops with the object of lighting passenger coaches with electricity, and it is thought they will prove successful.

CHINA BECOMING QUARRELSOME.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Latest advices from China state that the Chinese authorities have stopped the courier service between Foo Chow and the landing place of the cable.

A JUST SENTENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Hutching, the strangler, has been sentenced to be hanged on the 12th of September.

FIRE IN VIENNA.

VIENNA, Aug. 6.—The Bear hotel was burned. Cause, incendiary.

THE OLD EXCUSE.

DUBLIN, Aug. 6.—Physicians will enquire into French's sanity.

Challenge.

I, the undersigned, do hereby challenge Mr. William Cotsford of this city to row a three mile race with a turn over the Victoria Harbor course (in paper shells) for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) time of race to be agreed upon. WILLIAM PAINE.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Victoria to Have a Fifty Thousand Dollar Theater.

CAPTURE OF THE INDIAN BRUISER.

A Narrow Escape—City Council—More Attention to Rowing—Outlook of Business—Marine News.

AN OUTSIDE OPINION.

Timber in Alaska.

A correspondent, writing to an Eastern exchange, gives a very full description of Alaska. Among other things he makes the following statements about its timber resources, which if true effectually disposes of the idea that Alaska will ever compete with this country as a lumber producer. He says—the timber resources of Alaska have been over-estimated. There is no doubt about it. Men do not gather cedar from obelisks, nor choice timber from the naked bedrock. The pan-handle of Alaska, as we may call that part through which we sailed, has a favorable climate, but it has no soil. Trees grow everywhere and make the utmost possible effort to be worth something; but, getting no nourishment from a ledge of rock, they are dead at the top and scrubby, with limbs from the ground up. With woods everywhere, timber is scarce. On the Prince of Wales Island some valuable tracts of the yellow or Alaska cedar are reported, and doubtless there is a limited amount of this timber that may be valuable, as it is not found to any extent elsewhere. Even with a fair quality of common timber in Alaska, which only occasionally happens, the country is so rough and so destitute of streams large enough to float logs to tide water that the Puget Sound country, which is highly favored in these respects, and has the timber also, is likely to go on supplying the lumber markets of the coast, without being affected by anything that can come from Alaska.

Medicinal Wells.

The British Columbian, of a recent date, has a long article descriptive of the hot sulphur springs of Harrison Lake, called St. Alice Wells. The situation is very fine, good hunting and fishing, and the water is reported to have good curative powers. The Columbian says:

The hot sulphur springs of Harrison Lake have a temperature of 164 degrees. The water contains sulphuretted hydrogen in large quantities, and an analysis lately made by W. T. Wenzel, Ph. G. M. D., professor of chemistry in the California College of Pharmacy, gives the following result. "Sulphate of sodium, sulphate of calcium, sulphate of magnesia, chloride of sodium, chloride of potassium, alumina, silica." In his report Prof. Wenzell says: "The total amount of solid constituents contained in an imperial wine gallon equals 80¼ grains. The character of the water is that of a mild aparient, the sulphate being by far in the largest proportion." Our enterprising citizen, Mr. J. C. Armstrong, is the fortunate owner of these springs, and we believe it is his intention at an early day to erect a hotel with suitable appliances for a sanitarium so as to afford the people an opportunity of enjoying the advantages of this delightful resort next season. In this we wish him complete success.

An Outside Opinion.

When last in Victoria we visited the Militia Artillery camp at Beacon Hill, says the Guardian. The spot selected seems to be admirably adapted for the purpose, and the most has been made of the site. There are about 125 men under canvass. The drills are conducted in the early morning before business hours and after dinner, so that the officers and men are not prevented from attending to their ordinary avocations. The general appearance of the corps is very soldier-like and smart, and both officers and men take an active interest in their military duties, many of which are discharged in a way that would be no discredit to professional soldiers, and Major Dupont, who is a most zealous and efficient officer, has every reason to be proud of his command. We only wish that our Home Battery was with him in the field. The other officers of the corps present are Captains Wolfenden, Dorman, Raymur, and Prior, Lieutenants Gamble, Nicholles, Wake and Snowden, and Staff-Surgeon, J. Beauchamp Matthews.

The Comedy Convocation.

Courtright & Hawkins' Comedy Convocation opened their course of performances in Philharmonic Hall last night. There was a very large attendance and, judging from the hearty laughter and frequent encores, all must have enjoyed themselves well. The members of the Bijou Quartette have good voices and sang very well. The selections were well chosen and they were well rendered. Messrs. Wilson and Cameron, in their songs, dancing and tumbling, were called back several times. Most of the exercises received an encore. The Company will play to-night with a change of programme.

City Council.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held last evening, August 6th. Present: Councilors Wriglesworth, Vigelius, Gowen, Porter and J. Robertson. In the absence of Mayor Carey, Councilor Wriglesworth was elected to preside.

Minutes of last session were read and adopted.

Councillor Gowen stated that as there was barely a quorum, he did not think it was advisable to transact any business and he moved an adjournment till Friday night. The motion was seconded by Councillor Vigelius and carried.

Informal Meeting.

An informal meeting was held at the office of N. Shakespeare, Esq., M. P. last evening by a number of ratepayers, who are anxious to have some steps taken in regard to the Chinese Commission now in the city. A committee was appointed to secure the City Hall in order to hold a public meeting on Saturday night. Another committee, consisting of Messrs. Shakespeare, Duck, Beaven and Nuttall, was appointed to interview the Government and ascertain what steps they intended to take in the matter.

A New Billiard Table.

Dave Ellis, Esq., the popular landlord of the Grand Pacific hotel, some time ago ordered a Brunswick & Balke billiard table, fitted with Monarch cushions. He has now received it, and the Grand Pacific now deservedly boasts of having one of the finest tables in the city.

Handsome Offices.

The offices now being completed for the C. P. Navigation Company, in the new Hudson Bay block, will be as fine as any in the city. The painters are now at work, and the offices will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

More Attention to Rowing.

A general idea prevails, especially among the sporting people of Victoria, but also more or less among all classes, that more attention ought to be given to rowing. Nothing could be better for this healthful exercise than our harbor. There is also a greater number and more of a variety, of the various kinds of crafts here. Moreover there are persons here, as before announced, who are desirous of gaining a foot-hold as builders of a successful kind of row and sail boats. They should be encouraged. With all the advantages we have here we should develop our muscles and be getting some little reputation as oarsmen. There ought to be Hanlans, Rosses, and Teemers in the Northwest. In the Eastern Provinces for some years past a great deal of attention has been given to this healthful exercise. The result has been that they have become famous by producing some of the best oarsman in the world. There are in this city several persons who, for a short distance, would make no bad record. It is rumored that there will soon be some contests among those who have become locally prominent. In this connection it might be well to call attention to the fact that the need and accomplishment of swimming rapidly is, by many, overlooked. By others the art has received such attention that they have become quite proficient. It would be fine sport if some of our local swimmers would compete, say in a race of 200 yards or upward. Certainly, considering the advantages sometimes accruing to those who know how to swim, it should receive a great deal more attention than it does. There is no better way of developing an interest than by a few friendly contests.

Activity of Business.

Although some of our business men are inclined to protest that business is not very active and that trade is depressed, yet they should remember that they are much better off than their neighbors. Gentlemen who have traveled through most of the Pacific Coast cities state that Victoria presents a more active appearance than any of the others. Portland appears to be particularly dull, and the greater part of whatever activity there is at Tacoma and Seattle seems to be due to the freight and travel passing to and from this point.

Knighted.

The Hon. D. L. McPherson, Minister of the Interior, has been gazetted Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Sir David is a Highlander. Was born in Invernesshire in 1818. He came to Canada in 1835, and since then has occupied a very prominent part in Canadian history as a contractor, merchant and politician. He is an unflinching Conservative and enthusiastic admirer of Sir John Macdonald.

A Case of Assault.

A charge was laid to-day in police court against a woman for assaulting a girl in her employ, at the emmigration shed. Several witnesses proved clearly the assault. Superintendent Bloomfield asked that sentence be reserved for two weeks, and that he be allowed to place the girl in charge of a citizen who was willing to take her. The application was granted by Judge Pemberton.

A Narrow Escape.

About 4 o'clock p. m. yesterday an Indian woman, belonging to the Songish Indian reservation, while intoxicated, fell from the wharf at the foot of Johnson street into the water, a distance of about eight feet. Constable Lewis, of the Provincial police, saw the accident, and with the ferryman went in a boat to her rescue. When they reached her she was about exhausted, and in a few minutes more would have sunk.

Arrest of the Indian.

Jim, the Fort Rupert Indian, who beat the Indian woman, as reported yesterday, was arrested by Officer Clark last evening, and was brought up in police court to-day. Superintendent Bloomfield asked that the case be remanded till Monday, as the injured woman was not expected to recover. The application was granted.

The Victoria Yacht Club.

The annual race of the above club will come off about the 15th. The race will be from James' Bridge round the bell buoy. There are three entries already made. It is open to all boats with a keel under 24 feet long. The entry fee is $25 each.

The Dog Killing Case.

Thos. Cuniff was brought up in Police Court to-day on a charge of cruelty to a dog. It was proved that because the dog killed some chickens Cuniff caught the dog, tied him up and beat him to death. Judge Pemberton fined him $10.

Society Meetings.

Victoria—Columbia Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., British Columbia Council and Knights of Labor will hold regular meetings to-night.

From the Mainland.

Messrs. Smithe, Van Horne, Ross and others will return this afternoon to the city from Burrard Inlet.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mayor Carey was not able to attend Council last night, owing to indisposition.

Mr. T. B. Humphreys will deliver a series of British Columbia reminiscences before the Pioneer Society.

Invitations for a ball at Government House have been issued by the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Cornwall.

T. Collins and J. King were charged this morning in police court with being drunk and disorderly. They acknowledged the charge and were fined $1.25.

The painting of Mr. J. H. Todd's new residence on Johnson street, between Quadra and Vancouver, is now finished. Messrs. Smith & Rendel had the contract for the work, and have made a very fine job of it.

VICTORIA MARINE MATTERS.

Bark Martha started this morning for Burrard Inlet to load lumber.

Steamer Mexico will sail for San Francisco Tuesday next.

PERSONAL.

Prof. Digby Palmer has returned from the Sound and resumed his music teaching.

THE COURTS.

POLICE COURT—PEMBERTON, J.

Thos Cuniff, cruelty to a dog, was fined $10.

T. Collins and J. King, drunk and disorderly, fined $1.25.

Jim, an Indian, assault, adjourned till Monday.

Mrs. Reed, assault, sentence reserved for two weeks.

RAISING THE UMATILLA.

Capt. Whitelaw and Force Again at Work.

SUCCESS ATTENDING THEIR EFFORTS.

The Water Decreasing and the Submerged Steamer Coming Up—Throngs of Visitors Present to Witness the Undertaking.

A $65,000 JOB.

Ever since the steamer Umatilla, Capt. Worth, was disabled on Flattery Rocks, sixty miles below Race Rocks, last March, and was towed, amidst much difficulty, by the steamer Wellington, Capt Young, into Esquimalt harbor, where she almost immediately sunk, much interest has centered around her. Aside from a cargo of no inconsiderable value, the steamship herself, was estimated to be worth not less than $300,000. So fine a craft could not be expected long to lie idly and uselessly at the bottom of the harbor, with only the top of her lowermasts to indicate where she lay. Accordingly, Capt. Whitelaw, the well-known and generally successful "wrecker," of San Francisco, who had had great experience in raising vessels, was engaged to try his skill upon her, and endeavor to raise her from the depths. Capt. Whitelaw began early in April last, on a theory already described in THE TIMES, of using the strongest cables, and worked unceasingly for several months to get his complex tackle in shape. About a month since the trial of raising her was made, only with the result of the great iron cables being snapped in twain, the

GREAT WEIGHT OF THE BULK

Being too much for her.

The Captain had counted on such possible difficulties however, and at once set to work to complete the great bulwork, or cofferdam, hitherto commenced, in the water around the Umatilla. He was under a demurrage of $100 per day, from June 23d last, and meantime, employing a large force of ordinary laborers, skilled mechanics and numberless divers, he once more got things in shape to make the long expected attempt. The huge cofferdam was completed, two double, and four single steam pumps, all of large capacity, were established within, and all was again ready to begin. Captain Whitelaw, who has been as full of the experiment as was Professor Morse when he was tirelessly working to perfect the electric telegraph, has slept but little of late. He has been busy with calculations, oftentimes being occupied far into the night. At about 5 o'clock this morning his regular forces were

AT THE SCENE OF DUTY,

And began the primary operations. Some hours were yet to be occupied in getting minor details completed for substantial work. Meantime numberless citizens of Victoria, Esquimalt, and numerous visitors to the Island, commenced gathering. Through consent of Admiral Lyons and Captain Mainwaring, of H. M. S. Swiftsure, some 120 marines were obtained to aid in raising. Half of this number were placed on the large floats at the capstans, stationed about 100 yards distant, to assist the masthead tackles, as the masthead righted in pumping. The other sixty or seventy were put to work at eight double hand pumps, the latter being used to expedite the work of the steam pump, before noted. At 9:18 all was in shape. The steamer Alexander, being alongside, furnished steam to four of the pumps, while the wrecker "Whitelaw," which lay farther to the southwest, furnished steam to the other two. Thus steam was turned on, and the pumps began work on the

AREA OF WATER INSIDE

The cofferdam. The work did not begin at low tide by an hour or two, as was intended, nevertheless it commenced when the tide was well out, and within about forty minutes the pumps had lowered the water about one foot. Divers every now and then went down to note the condition of the steamer and attend to any possible leaks. Prominent citizens who had arrived went aboard the Alexander, and from her decks, viewed the work of the complex machinery, amidst its noise, and the direction of officers, with the greatest interest. Comments were of course numerous and varied, but the work went on. At the end of the first hour, or thereabouts, the men at the pump were spelled by the men on the floaters, all of whom were under control of Commander Henderson, who had the bugler and signalman in attendance. In this manner all proceeded as well as could have been expected. The Umatilla, it should be remembered, was lying in forty or forty-five feet of water, and ranged in a direction from northwest to southeast. At 11:30 a. m. the vessel had righted about two feet, and the water was going down at the rate of one foot per hour, with everything working satisfactorily. Things were beginning to tell. The work advanced more rapidly and everything tended toward a successful accomplishment of the work during the day. The centrifugal pump, one of the largest and best in use, not hitherto working, was started at 11 a. m. Besides this at 10:30 the divers had discovered two leaks and succeeded in closing them with oakum. Thus the work was facilitated and proceeded more rapidly. By noon the sunken vessel had righted very materially, and at 12:20

SHE HAD RAISED TWO FEET,

And all was working admirably. Capt. Whitelaw was the busiest man in all the assemblage of officers, sailors and onlookers. His face wore an anxious cast. His figure, lithe, active and somewhat restless, was noticeable here and there amongst the men. At one time he would bear a hand at the pumps and at another, give directions as the work. Nobody could have given more careful attention to details, but as a fee of some $65,000 was connected with it, this alone, would have moved many men to be specially careful. The system of signals was found to admirably answer all purposes. A sailor stood at a prominent post, a flag in each hand, and with great rapidity, spelled out words, and communicated with the men on the distant floaters as easily as mutes converse with each other by the facility with which they use their fingers.

ON EVEN KEEL AND A SUCCESS.

At one o'clock the steamer had righted so that she lay on an even keel, and the outcome looked better than ever. Three of the steam pumps were working well, but the hand pumps were not regarded as an entire success. The general opinion among the various nautical gentleman present was that Capt. Whitelaw's project was a success, and that the steamer would come up, as he and all his men have long hoped. The crowd of visitors was increasing rapidly. A large number of ladies and gentlemen arrived in the afternoon, and the road between this city and Esquimalt was fairly lined with hacks, carriages, hansoms, and, in fact with vehicles of all sorts.

At three o'clock it was reported by telephone that the side of the steamer under water—the starboard side—was then from eleven to twelve feet out of the water. All was working smoothly. Every pump was in perfect order, and no delay of any sort was being experienced. There is every indication that further pumping will soon be unnecessary, and that the long submerged Umatilla will arise to the surface, to reward the great efforts of Captain Whitelaw and his men.

At 3:30 the flange on the large pump on the steamer Whitelaw broke and the workmen were obliged to discontinue the use of it. The Umatilla was reported to have arisen about four feet, and the other pumps were working, as usual, well.

Vessels in Our Harbors.

Victoria has, for some time past, been making quite a showing in shipping. This being the real headquarters for a good many vessels bound for Departure Bay, Port Moody, and elsewhere, for coal and lumber, a good many of them have, during the past fortnight, been anchored in the Royal Roads, and in Victoria harbor proper. There are now several vessels seeking in the Royal Roads, as well as in the latter. Several others are due here.

Another Public Meeting.

It is stated that a public meeting of citizens will be held at the City Hall on next Saturday evening to discuss the matter of Chinese immigration, and that Hon. Mr. Chapleau, and others, of the Chinese commission will be invited to be present.

R. P. Rithet Passenger.

E. Frego, Judge Crease, Mrs. Fink and family, Palmer, J. McNeas, J. McLeod, H. S. Myer, T. Brown, Chown, McKenzie, Peterson, J. A. Fraser, Mrs. Aronson, Mr. Gray, H. A. Campbell, McAveney, McDonald and wife.

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WHEREAS, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF the corporation of the City of Victoria has resolved to raise the following sums of money, aggregating 000, for the following purposes respectively:

For the purpose of constructing a low and a high service reservoir and extending and carrying on water works for the supply of water to the City of Victoria, the sum of $50,000.

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For the erection and maintenance of a building adjoining the City Hall for a Police Barracks and Lockup for the said city, the sum of $25,000.

For purchasing the electric light plant as provided by the Electric Light By-Law 1883, the sum of $12,500.

And for the improvement and construction of streets and bridges the sum of $7,500.

And whereas it will require the sum of $9,222 to be raised annually by special rate for the payment of the said debt and interest thereon, as is hereinafter mentioned.

And Whereas, the amount of the whole ratable property of the said corporation of the City of Victoria, according to the last revised assessment roll, being for the year 1883, was $[illegible], irrespective of any future increase of the rateable property of the municipality and of any income in the nature of tolls, interest or dividends from the work, and also irrespective of any income from the temporary investment of the sinking fund or any part thereof.

And Whereas, for paying the interest and creating an equal yearly sinking fund for paying the said principal sum of $100,000 and interest, as hereinafter mentioned, it will require an equal annual special rate of one third of one per cent in the dollar.

Be it therefore enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria:

1. That it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the City of Victoria to raise by way of loan from any person or persons body or bodies corporate who may be willing to advance the sum upon the credit of the debentures hereinafter mentioned a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $100,000, and cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said corporation for the purposes and with the objects above recited.

2. That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor to cause any number of debentures to be made for such sums of money as may be required not less than $100 each, and that the said debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria, and be signed by the Mayor of the said corporation.

3. That the said debentures shall be made payable in twenty years at furthest from the day hereinafter mentioned for this By-Law to take effect, at the office of the Treasurer of the corporation of the City of Victoria, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of the interest.

4. That the said debentures shall bear interest at and after the rate of 5½ per centum per annum, from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half yearly, at the office of the Treasurer of the Municipality.

5. That for the purpose of forming a sinking fund for the payment of the said debentures and the interest at the rate aforesaid to become due thereon an equal special rate of one-third of one per cent in the dollar shall, in addition to all other rates, be raised, levied and collected in each year upon all rateable property in the said Municipality during the continuance of the said debentures, or any of them.

6. It shall be lawful for the said Municipal Council, from time to time, to repurchase any of the said debentures and such debentures shall be so expressed as to entitle the said Council to redeem and purchase the same on paying the amount thereof and interest due thereon to the date of such purchase to the holder or holders thereof, and all debentures so repurchased shall be forthwith cancelled and destroyed, and no re-issue of debentures shall be made in consequence of such repurchase.

7. That this By-Law shall take effect and come into operation upon the 15th day of September, 1884.

8. This By-Law may be cited for all purposes as "The Victoria Loan By-Law, 1884."

Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the Police Barracks for Yates Street Ward, The Council Chamber for Johnson street ward the Hook and Ladder house for the James Bay Ward, on the 18th day of August, A. D 1884, and the polls will be kept open between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. JAMES D. ROBINSON, C.M.C.

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Victoria, Thursday, August 7, 1884.

LITTLE JOSHUA.

A hoof-beat clatter down a road a hundred years ago
Foretold through Carolina woods the coming of the foe;
In dusty clouds they swept along, while here and there were seen
A scarlet coat, a tossing plume, a bit of sabre sheen;
Well mounted men, hard riders all, a scourge by night and day—
The cruel Tarleton and his band were on a wild foray.
No quarter now for patriot souls, for Tarleton, in his wrath,
With blazing ricks and ruined homes will mark his cruel path.
The hoof-beats echo far ahead with muffled, throbbing hum,
Until unto a modest home at last they faintly come;
Yet though the sound is faint it brings a woman to the door
With anxious face which shows she dreads some misery in store.
She glances down the sandy road—she sees the dusty cloud,
With gleaming scarlet here and there—and then she cries aloud:
"The British, George! They're coming fast—unto the woods, oh, run!"
A moment more a man springs forth with powder horn and gun;
A hurried kiss—a dozen strides—he enters in the wood—
The watching woman smiles and thanks the Giver of all good,
And turns and draws a bright-faced boy with tender clasp more near:
"My darling child, your father's safe, and now we've naught to fear!"
Up rides the sullen British band—"Dismount," the leader cries;
"Surround the house and search it well; we must not lose this prize."
With heavy clank he enters in and scowls about the room—
At burnished pans and tall old clock and ancient spinning loom.
"Your husband, madam, where is he? Produce the rebel clown.
"Refuse, and, madam, here I swear to burn your dwelling down!
"Where is he hid?" She shakes her head—
"I cannot, cannot tell."
She turns away to hide the tears that will unbidden well.
"So stubborn, eh! Now, mark my words—in but ten minutes more,
"At hour of three by yonder clock, the torch will light your door!"
He turns and calls his waiting men: "Search ev'ry crack and nook,
"And if you fail I'll start a light may serve to help us look!"
He strides up to the window then, and looks out grim and sour
Across the pleasant southern fields, and waits the fatal hour.
The woman's eyes are filled with woe, with pain her heart doth swell,
And yet between her ashy lips she sighs, "I cannot tell!"
The moments fly; then Tarleton turns, the tall old clock to see—
"How's this?" he mutters; "time must lag—eight minutes still to three!"
Again he gazes o'er the fields with grim unswerving eye,
While softly sobs the hapless dame, and fast the moments fly.
Then Tarleton swiftly turns again the tall old clock to see—
"What juggling work is this?" he cries. "eight minutes still to three!"
He stands and stares a moment thus—then strides across the floor—
With hasty gesture wide he throws the tall clock's ancient door—
And there within the narrow case that bright-faced boy doth stand
Holding above his curly head a clock-weight in each hand!
Grim Tarleton stares, the mother starts, the little lad alone
As calmly stands within the clock as if to marble grown.
A moment thus, then Tarleton roars: "Come forth, you little knave!"
"No knave, sir," stoutly says the boy, "to try our home to save!"
Grim Tarleton laughs both loud and long—
"And what's your name?" he cries.
"'Tis Joshua," the little man in accents clear replies.
"Well named, well named," roars Tarleton, then—his laugh the room doth fill;
"For though you didn't stop the sun, you've made old time stand still!
"Take care, madam, of this young scamp; with such cubs at your back
"We might as well give up the fight, and take the homeward track."
He laughs again, and laughing clanks across the cottage floor—
He mounts his horse—he cries "Away"—they never saw him more."

W. R. ROSE.

CLEVELAND, O., April 2.

The philosophic Casual Observer of The New York Graphic, speaking of how the clergyman always alludes to our "dear deceased sister" as a most exemplary wife and mother in the funeral sermon, says "that's what killed her. Had she been less 'exemplary,' and left the pots and pans to hustle for themselves she might have been alive to-day. The husband is bowed with grief for a few months, and in a year's time has another woman broken to the same harness and going through the same process of breaking down. It needs the wisdom of the ages to successfully meet the currents of this world, and find a rock on which its floods shall not overwhelm."

The Home Angel.

A man is among men all day long, hears politics, club stories, slang of the street, boot-black repartee and junior clerk smartness, the ways and sayings and doings of men until he wearies of it all, and when he comes home in the evening he wants to see a home angel, with homelight in her face and lovelight in her eyes, deliciously womanly in dress and manner, with a voice as soft as the war of the street is harsh; a voice that is made for coaxing and petting; a face that is dimpled and beautiful browed, so that his heart doth safely trust in her, knowing that "she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life," "strength and honor in her clothing," wisdom in her mouth and "in her tongue the law of kindness," with the beautiful hands that are stretched out to the poor and reached forth to the needy; whose works praise her in the gates, so that her husband, also, who is known in the gates and sitteth among the elders of the land, he praiseth her, because he knows that he owes nine-tenths of his success to such a wife. "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain," but the brighter qualities of womanhood are fadeless, and are even "as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

ROBT. J. BURDETTE.

ARDMORE, Pa., April 6.

AFTER THE FAILURE.

Mr. Gimblet, the celebrated ex-detective was foolish enough to transact his stock exchange business through an outside broker. With all his astuteness, he shared the idiosyncrasy of many clever people, of being somewhat careless about his private affairs, and the glowing advertisements of Messrs. Vant & Slowbody had proved irresistible. He had not done badly by the firm, upon the whole, when one morning he learned to his great disgust that the junior partner had disappeared after committing extensive defalcations.

Mr. Gimblet, fortunately, had recently realized nearly all his securities and duly received payment. There remained a balance due him, but it was not very much, and if the failure of Messrs. Vant & Slowbody had occurred in the ordinary way he would have borne his loss with equanimity. But, according to the reports published in the newspapers, it appeared that the misfortune had been entirely brought about by the flagrant dishonesty of Mr. Slowbody, who had taken advantage of his senior's temporary absence to abscond with an enormous sum of money, and had apparently contrived to get clear away with his booty. The greatest sympathy was expressed for Mr. Vant, who had hastened home on hearing the startling news, only to find himself utterly ruined. It made Mr. Gimblet very angry indeed to think that he had been robbed, and he determined that Mr. Slowbody should not escape scot-free for want of any assistance he could render.

Accordingly, Mr. Gimblet attended the preliminary meeting of the creditors of the firm, dressed in his best, with the inevitable flower in his button-hole. Nobody paid the slightest attention to him, for he modestly kept in the background and took no part in the proceedings. He did not trouble his head by attempting to follow the figures and the dry business details which bore upon the important question of the dividend the estate would yield, but certain parts of Mr. Vant's pathetic and eloquent statement interested him so much that when the meeting adjourned he politely accosted that gentleman and requested a few minutes' conversation.

Mr. Vant seemed inclined to resent Mr. Gimblet's demand as an impertinence. He was a florid, elderly man, with a loud voice and rather pompous manners. He probably considered that, after the ample statement he had made, the questions he had satisfactorily answered, and the unanimous vote of sympathy by which his creditors had testified their appreciation of his straightforward conduct, he might be spared the importunities of individual creditors.

"I am afraid that, just at this moment, I have no time to give you, sir," he replied, glancing rather superciliously at Mr. Gimblet.

"Very well; only I thought I might possibly be of some service to you," said Mr. Gimblet, quietly.

"In what way?" inquired Mr. Vant.

"My name is Gimblet," said the ex-detective, producing one of his business cards.

"Oh! Ah! To be sure," said Mr. Vant, with sudden cordiality. "I believe you generally transacted your business through my late partner. That is why I did not recognize you. Come in here."

Mr. Gimblet followed Mr. Vant into a private room, with a gratified smile upon his shrewd lips. Vanity was the ex-detective's weak point, and he could not help feeling flattered at Mr. Vant's change of manner.

"I believe you are one of the smaller creditors, Mr. Gimblet, fortunately for yourself," remarked Mr. Vant, when they were alone.

"Yes," said Mr. Gimblet, taking a mental note of the fact that for the first time during the day Mr. Vant showed signs of nervousness. "However, I do not wish to trouble you about that."

"Oh! don't consider me for a moment," said Mr. Vant, with a wave of his white hand. "I place myself entirely and unreservedly at the disposition of my creditors. Everything I possess in the world—my house, my plate, and my carriages, and even my wife's jewelry—will go toward increasing the dividend and repairing this terrible disaster as far as lies in my power."

"So I understand," said Mr. Gimblet, quite unmoved. "I want to ask about Mr. Slowbody."

"A warrant has been issued for his apprehension," returned Mr. Vant, somewhat impatiently.

"Yes, sir, I know. But not until too late."

"What do you mean? I gave information to the police within an hour after my return home," said Mr. Vant, reddening slightly.

"I understand the facts are these," said Mr. Gimblet. "You and your family were staying at Biarritz——"

"We had been there two months," interposed Mr. Vant.

"Exactly; you had no suspicion of your partner's proceedings until——"

"Until I received his letter, written from Queenstown, informing me of his flight," interrupted Mr. Vant, quickly. "I immediately started home by the first train, and after spending half an hour here I called in the police. You see I did not lose a moment."

"No; but the letter did not reach you till several days—more than a week, in fact—after date," remarked Mr. Gimblet.

"That is so. Unfortunately I had left Biarritz with my family the day before the letter arrived there. Consequently, it had to be forwarded on to Paris, and that caused delay."

"Mr. Slowbody had plenty of time to reach America, if that was his destination, between the date of his letter and the time of your giving information to the police," observed Mr. Gimblet, musingly.

"That may be. I presume these questions have reference to a desire on your part to assist in apprehending my late partner?" said Mr. Vant, drawing himself up.

"Most certainly. Considering that he has robbed and ruined you, no one in his senses would imagine you desired to assist his escape," said Mr. Gimblet, with an innocent air.

"My dear sir, I—I am a Christian, a professing Christian certainly, and, I hope, a sincere one. At the same time I cannot help feeling vindictive toward my late partner. When I think of the misery and suffering he has wrought——"

"What do the police say, sir?" said Mr. Gimblet, interrupting Mr. Vant's remarks with scant courtesy.

"Well, they have no clew at present, but they are hopeful," answered Mr. Vant. "I am sure they would be grateful for any suggestion you could make to them."

"No they wouldn't, because I might tell them that they are on the wrong scent altogether," said Mr. Gimblet, looking his companion in the face. "However," he added, feigning not to notice Mr. Vant's start and look of confusion, "I never interfere in what doesn't concern me. The police can go their way and I will go mine."

"You are exceedingly kind," returned Mr. Vant, evidently striving to appear cordial, "to interest yourself about the matter."

"Don't mention it, sir," said Mr. Gimblet, taking up his hat; "you see I've been robbed—that is the long and short of it. I've not lost much, it's the having been swindled that riles me. I should like to be even with Mr. Slowbody."

"You are not singular in that desire, Mr. Gimblet," said Mr. Vant extending his hand. "Anything you have to suggest shall receive the most careful attention."

Mr. Gimblet wended his way homeward in a very thoughtful frame of mind after this interview. The fact was that he felt completely mystified by Mr. Vant's behavior. While that gentleman was making his statement to his creditors, the ex-detective had been struck by a sudden suspicion that he was acting a part. The idea came to him with the force and suddenness which he had learnt from experience to associate with a happy inspiration. The great secret of Mr. Gimblet's success in his peculiar line of business was a singular knack of forming a correct conclusion without the process of reasoning. He was by no means wanting in logical perception, but he was frequently aided in his investigations by a sort of intuition which put him on the right track when others were vainly groping in the dark. He had instinctively mistrusted Mr. Vant from the moment he commenced his speech, and when the proceedings terminated he felt impelled to engage him in conversation in order to gauge his character. He had no difficulty in this, for Mr. Vant's demeanor had not been calculated to inspire confidence. In fact, Mr. Gimblet had a very strong impression that, in spite of direct evidence to the contrary, the gentleman was no more entitled to sympathy than his defaulting partner.

When he came to consider the details, however, Mr. Gimblet was inclined to mistrust his opinion. It was quite clear that Mr. Slowbody had decamped, as alleged, and had involved his partner in ruin. The report of the accountants, a firm of high standing, proved indisputably not only that Mr. Slowbody had robbed his clients, but also that he had pledged property belonging to Mr. Vant, beside appropriating the whole of their joint capital. The statement of affairs disclosed the most shameful frauds on the part of Mr. Slowbody, in none of which was there the slightest evidence to show that Mr. Vant had been implicated. In fact, the surrounding circumstances all pointed to the innocence of the senior partner, and no shadow of suspicion appeared to rest upon him. But when Mr. Gimblet was seized with an idea, he did not easily suffer himself to be disconcerted by adverse facts. Consequently, when he reached his dingy office, he said to one of his assistants:

"Grangar, you live at Clapham, don't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"I want you to make a few inquiries about a Mr. Vant," said Mr. Gimblet, thoughtfully drawing mosses with his pen on the blotting pad.

"Is that the gentleman who has been swindled by his partner?"

"Yes. The matter doesn't press at all; any time will do. Just find out when he left Biarritz, and what day he received in Paris the news of his partner's disappearance. You may be able to get it from one of the servants."

After this Mr. Gimblet dismissed the subject from his mind for many days, having more important business on hand. He learned from the newspapers that no clew had been obtained as to the whereabouts of the defaulting partner, and it seemed pretty certain that he had made good his escape. At length his subordinate reminded him of the mission he had intrusted to him.

"Well, what have you ascertained?"

"I made the acquaintance of the gentleman's valet, sir, who accompanied the family to Biarritz."

"Yes?"

"Every one in Clapham sympathizes very much with Mr. Vant. The house and furniture are to be sold, and the servants have all received notice."

"Of course," said Mr. Gimblet impatiently.

"The family stayed at Biarritz for nearly two months at the Hotel d'Angleterre. They left on the 20th of January and went to Paris. The letter followed them there, forwarded with other letters from Biarritz some days later."

"Yes?"

"The valet was in the room when the letter arrived. Mr. Vant opened it, and was dreadfully upset. Of course the valet did not know what had happened at the time, but he guessed there was something wrong by the way Mr. Vant abused him for picking up the envelope from the floor."

"Oh! How was that?" inquired Mr. Gimblet, with sudden interest.

"The valet stooped to pick up the envelope which had fallen. Mr. Vant pounced upon him directly and snatched it away from him and destroyed it in a passion."

"I suppose he saw the man looking curiously at the postmark or something," said Mr. Gimblet, thoughtfully.

"I suppose he did, but the valet didn't notice anything except that the letter had a Spanish stamp."

"Eh?" exclaimed Mr. Gimblet quickly.

"That is what the man said, sir," said the clerk, a little startled by an abrupt movement of his master.

"Very well. What else?" inquired Mr. Gimblet.

It was evident, however, that his mind was pre-occupied and that he paid but little attention to the remaining details which his assistant related. The latter were quite unimportant, and when the man had finished Mr. Gimblet dismissed him without asking anything further. But the incident of the letter—or rather the envelope—afforded him food for reflection. The letter professed to have been written in Queenstown, and to have come from there. Mr. Gimblet had seen a copy of it, the original being in the hands of the police. Obviously the envelope containing it ought to have been franked by an English stamp. The fact of its having a Spanish stamp showed conclusively that it had not been posted in Ireland. Of course, it was just possible that the valet may have been mistaken at a hasty glance; but, on the other hand, why should Mr. Vant have seized it so anxiously, and why had he destroyed so important a piece of evidence? Upon the whole, Mr. Gimblet was inclined to believe the correctness of the valet's story; and this suggested the difference that Mr. Vant had been misleading the police and his creditors for the purpose of screening his partner.

The train of thought which followed this discovery kept Mr. Gimblet's mind fully occupied for half an hour, during which he sat at his desk whistling softly to himself, with a very knowing expression. At length he roused himself from his reverie, and started off into the city, where he paid a visit to Mr. Vant.

"I've called, sir," he said, quietly, upon being ushered into that gentleman's office, "with reference to our conversation the other day."

"Ah! very glad to see you, Mr. Gimblet," said Mr. Vant, who had been permitted, owing to the sympathy of his creditors, to continue his business under favorable auspices. "There is no news, I'm sorry to say. I suppose you have none?"

"Well, I think I've found out something," said Mr. Gimblet, with edifying humility.

"Indeed! What is it?" inquired Mr. Vant, condescendingly.

"You said the letter announcing the flight of your partner came from Queenstown?"

"So it did. The police have it."

"It professed to come from Queenstown, but I can really prove that it came from Spain, and that you know it," said Mr. Gimblet, in a matter-of-fact tone.

Mr. Vant fell back in his chair as though he had been shot, and turned as pale as marble. The ex-detective's calm and penetrating gaze caused the denial he attempted to utter to die away on his lips. After a pause he said hoarsely:

"I did it for the best. He had wronged me, but he had been my friend. I had no other motive."

"You may tell that to the marines, sir," said Mr. Gimblet, with a wink. "Do you mind my telling you a little story?"

"What about?" murmured Mr. Vant.

"About two friends of mine—call 'em Smith and Jones," began Mr. Gimblet, quite cheerfully. "Smith and Jones were in business together, but things went from bad to worse, till nothing remained but to shut up shop. But Smith, who was an enterprising fellow, proposed to Jones to raise all the money they could, to collar everything they could lay their hands on and to make a bolt."

"Nothing of the kind! nothing of the kind!" gasped Mr. Vant.

"But Jones had a better idea than that," resumed Mr. Gimblet. "He suggested instead that Mr. Smith should do as he proposed, and leave him behind. This arrangement would suit both of them. Smith would have more capital to make a fresh start in another country, while Jones would remain behind and pose as a martyr. You see, sir, a crash was inevitable; Jones was bound to have lost everything, and he preferred to do so under circumstances that would secure popular sympathy and induce his friends to come forward. Besides, of course, he was to have a part of the swag on the quiet."

"No. I'll swear, not a farthing," cried Mr. Vant, vehemently. "It's—it's a lie, all of it," he added, evidently beside himself.

"There is a precious lot of money gone, Mr. Vant," said Mr. Gimblet, meaningly.

"Look here, Mr. Gimblet," said Mr. Vant, making a desperate effort to recover his composure, and dropping his voice to a tremulous whisper, "suppose everything had happened precisely as you say, what could you prove?"

"I should leave that to others," replied Mr. Gimblet, evasively.

"But nobody could prove anything. Do you doubt, if I had done as you suggest, I should not have taken every possible precaution? As regards your wonderful discovery about the letter having come from Spain—"

"Well?" inquired Mr. Gimblet, as his companion paused.

"I deny it, but still—name your price!"

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